

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 24 Oct 2023 at 11:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled and changeable conditions through the coming days. Lower for exact rain and wind details so stay up to date with the forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023: Low cloud and spells of mostly light rain. Cold and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Fog
Precipitation probability							
40%	60%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Weather: Mainly dry with a little brightness over ranges the west of the A9 early in the morning. Otherwise, cloudy and misty with persistent but mainly light rain, falling as sleet or wet snow above 1100m. Some heavier spells are likely over the Aberdeenshire and Angus hills.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10% for most ranges. 40% overnight and early morning in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility for most of the day at height with extensive low cloud and fog above 500 or 600m, locally down to lower slopes over eastern ranges. Cloud patchier and mainly above 700m at first over ranges west of the A9.

Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	16/19 NE	17/21 NE	22/26 NE	24/30 NE	23/30 E	23/30 E	24/30 E	22/28 E	18/24 E
900	9/12 NE	11/15 NE	15/19 NE	16/22 NE	18/24 E	17/24 E	16/23 E	16/23 E	11/17 E
600	3/8 NE	6/13 NE	9/15 NE	10/18 NE	12/21 E	12/21 E	11/19 E	11/19 E	6/12 E
300	3/10 NE	6/14 NE	9/18 NE	10/20 NE	11/23 E	11/22 E	10/20 E	10/19 E	6/13 NE
Glen	3/8 NE	6/15 NE	9/19 NE	11/22 NE	11/23 NE	11/21 E	11/22 E	9/19 NE	6/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	1/-4	1/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-5	1/-5
900	2/-1	3/-1	3/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	2/-2
600	4/2	4/2	5/2	5/2	6/2	5/2	5/1	4/1	4/2
300	6/5	7/5	7/4	7/5	8/4	7/4	7/4	7/4	6/4
Glen	7/6	8/6	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/5	7/5	7/6
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold at height with a significant wind chill in the damp conditions along with difficult navigation conditions, especially in the east. Saturated ground with high river and stream levels continuing.

Forecast for Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy and mist with further spells of rain, persisting for hours at a time and possibly heavy. Sleet on the highest Munro tops in the morning.

Maximum wind: East or southeast 25mph gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor fog most of the day with extensive low cloud and fog above 500 or 600m, but down to lower slopes in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising to 6C.
Freezing level: 1300m, rising well above summits.